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For: LUBRICANTS HAVING OVERBASED METAL SALTS AND ORGANIC
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003 for which a three month period of response is given.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12 and 14-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12 and 14-20 stand finally rejected as being anticipated under 35 USC §102(b) by Ichihashi et al (U.S. Patent 5,792,731). The Examiner states that Ichihashi et al teach a lubricating composition comprising a phosphorus extreme pressure